Man charged with DUI after striking a State Trooper's Vehicle

Rehoboth — The Delaware State Police are investigating a DUI involved crash early this morning in which a State Troopers vehicle was struck.

The incident occurred on Saturday, September 12, 2020 just after midnight when a 2005 Chrysler 300 travelling on Old Landing Road west of Airport Road failed to reduce speed and move over, side swiping a fully marked blue DSP Tahoe which was conducting a traffic stop with its emergency lights activated. The Tahoe was struck on the drivers door. The Trooper suddenly realized the Tahoe was about to be struck, with the Trooper being able to re-enter into the Tahoe, just prior to impact. As the Trooper was attempting to re-enter the Tahoe, the drivers side Tahoe door struck the Troopers leg, however the Trooper was not injured. The State Police Vehicle sustained functional damage to the drivers side door area.

Occupant of the striking vehicle was identified as 70 year old Gregory Brown, from Rehoboth Beach, De. Operator Brown did not sustain any injuries from this accident. The Chrysler 300 sustained disabling damage to the vehicles right front quarter panel and had to be towed from the scene.

Gregory Brown was charged with DUI and Failure to Yield/Change Lanes for Stopped Emergency Vehicle. Mr. Brown was issued a mandatory appearance to the Justice of the Peace Court for a later date.

The vehicle that was pulled over by the Trooper at the time of the accident was not involved in the collision. The crash remains under investigation by the Delaware State Police at this time.

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